(Million Tonnes)

Date	Rice	Wheat	Total
1st April	10·8	3·7	14·5
1st July	9·2	13·1	22·3
1st Oct,	6·0	10·6	16·6
1st Jan,	7·7	7·7	15·4

The stock of foodgrains with public agencies as on 1-10-91, was of the order of 15.6 million tonnes, comprising 7.00 million tonnes of rice and 8.6 million tonnes of wheat. The shortage in the stock level of wheat is mainly attributable to lower precurement of wheat during 1991-92 marketing season and higher outgo from the Central Pool during the lean season (Dec., 1990 to April, 1991) last year.

(d) The present stocks of wheat and rice are considered to be sufficient to meet the reasonsable requirements of Public Distribution System.

(e) Does not orise.

Machine Stitching of Gunny Bags

1530. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the incentive rate for double line machine stitching of gunny bags for levy rice, non-levy rice and wheat, supplied to Food Corporation of India; if so the details thereof;

(b) what is the basis for the increase; and

(c) the quality of bags expected to be machine stitched in the current year for levy rice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The rate of incentive payable to rice millers for delivery of levy rice for Central Pool to Food Corporation of India (FCI) in double line machine stitched BT gunny bags has been increased from 60 paise to 95 paise per bag of 95 Kg. filling effective from 1991-92 Kharif marketing season which commenced on 1st October, 1991. The rate for double line machine stitching of wheat bags is fixed by FCI and State procuring agencies by open tender subject to the ceiling rate of 70 paise per bag fixed by Government effective from 1st April 1989. Since the non-levy rice is not procured by FCI for Central Pool, no incentive rate for machine stitching of bags is required to be fixed therefor.

(b) Increase in the cost of machine stitching.

(c) In view of a large number of rice mills from whom levy-dice is collected; it is not practicable to fix any target for machine stitching of gunny bags containing rice procured.

New Sugar Factories in Gujarat

1531. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal from Gujarat Government for changing the location for establishment of a new sugar factory;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the matter is likely to be finalised; and

(d) the number of proposals received from Gujarat State for establishment of new sugar factories and by when the proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) As on 30-9-91, Ministry of Food have received 5 proposals for change of location in the State of Gujarat, out of which 4 have been recommended by the Government of Gujarat. The details of the proposals are given in the statement attached. (*See* below)

(c) Licensing Policy gidelines for Sugar Industry have been revised recently. The above proposals would now be considered as per the aforesaid revised policy.

(d) As on 30-9-91, 10 proposals for grant of Letters of Intent|Industrial Licences for establishment of new sugar factories in the State of Gujarat have been received and are pending consideration of the Government. These proposals would now examined in the light of the revised policy guidelines.

Statement

Details of the proposals received for change of location in the state of Gujarat

S. No.	Name of the factory	From	To
1.	M/s. Shree Khedut Sahakari Khand Udyog Mandli Ltd.	Rohid, Tal.—Hansot Distt.—Bharuch	Kosamba, Tal.—Mangrol, Distt.—Bharuch.
2.	Shri Ukai Vibhag Asarghast Sahakari Khand Udyog Mandli Ltd.	Serula, Tehsil—Songadh Distt.—Surat	Gunsada, Taluk—Songath, Distt.—Surat.
3.	M/s. Shri Narmada Khand Udyog Sahakari, Mandli Ltd.	Taropa, Taluk—Nanded Distt.—Bharuch	Dharikheda, Teshsil—Nanded Distt.—Bharuch.
4.	M/s. Vadodara District Coop. Sugarcane Growers' Union Ltd.,	Mandala, Taluk—Dabhoi, Distt.—Vadodara	Gandhara, Tal.—Kargan Distt.— Vadodara.
5.	M/s. Kaveri Vibhag Sahakari Khand Udyog Mandli Ltd.	Khata Amba Tal.—Chikli Distt.—Valsad	Sadadvel, Distt.—Surat

NOTE : The proposal of M/s. Vadodara District Coop. Sugarcane Growers' Union Ltd has not yet been recommended by the Goverhment of Gujrara.

ताजमहल पर प्रदूषण का असर

@1532. **श्री प्रलोद महाजन :**
चौधरी हरि सिंह :
श्री हरवेन्द्र सिंह हंसपाल :
श्री गुफरान आजम :

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 12 नवम्बर, 1991 के "द टाइम्स आफ इन्डिया" में पोल्यूशन हार्मिंग ताज, सेज स्टडी" शीर्षक के अंतर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और उस पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) यह समाचार "बिरला वैज्ञानिक अनुसंधान, संस्थान हैदराबाद" के अध्ययन से संबंधित है, जिसके अनुसार ताजमहल आगरा में संगमरमर के कुछ पत्थरों पर विकार देखा गया है, जिसका

@पूर्वगत: आतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 515, 27 नवम्बर, 1991 से स्थानांतरित